Mrs. Harrison Young and Mr. Campbell Young Sept. 30, 1943

Mrs. Young was daughter of George McDougall, who was the son of John McDougall. She has had a remarkable life. Has lived nine years on lesser Slave lake before the country was settled at all. She has travelled from Edmonton to St. Paul, Minn. by buckboard and by cart.

When they first came to this country they arrived at Ft. Pelly? immediately put up teepees. Indian women looked after them, and every three or four days the Indians would move the teepees, so that the earth would be nice and clean. Indians never had bed bugs, says Mrs. Young. The white men brought all the filth to the Indians, who were not really bad. "They were always on the warpath", but this was their fun and relaxation. The small pox was very bad in 1870. All the McDougall children had it. The mother escaped because she had had the pox in England.
The whole family was down at once. There were nine children. Dave McDougall, the trader, was her brother.

Campbell Young

Was in the mounted Police. He helped build the Regina Post. It was built of pre-fabricated buildings. He left the force in '87, and went to work in Fraser's mill, Edmonton. Was afterwards accountant and insurance agent. He went north to Ft. Resolution in '99, and thereafter to Klondyke. For eight years he never came south of the Artic Circle.
In Connection with the gold rush days of Edmonton, he remembers a man who built a barrel, loaded all his stuff into it,

fastens shafts to it,. and hitching a horse to the barrel started it rolling across country.. About amile from Edmonton,, all his stuff was broken to bits.. Also the barrel..

Mrs.. Young.

" There was lots of wickedness in those (early) days,, but of course, I never saw any of it"..

Campbell Young

" Yes,. I remember the"Edmonton Rebellion" ".. That was when they started to move the Edmonton land office to the South Side.. Thomas Anderson,. the Indian Agent,, was interested in the South Side,. and working in collaboration with the CPR they schemed to move the office over there.. A drag was sent from the South side to load the office up, but a crowd turned out, stirred up by D.. Osborne,, First postmaster of Edmonton.. Some of the men had guns.. They took the wheels off the dray,, and hid them. Anderson was stubborn"cuss " and tried it again.. This time it had been arranged to ring the school bell when the dray was seen coming,. and again the men turned out.. Anderson and CPR men sent for the Mounted Police,. but the Police had sense enough to stay out of town. Osborne defied the police and lost his job afterwards.. Anderson was burnt in effigy. A reporter from the Toronto Globe wrote up the affair.

Campbell Young

"Jim McKernan, an Indian trader and agent and telegraph operator at.....? was afraid the Indian chief TaKooch? was going to murder him. So Jim wired John A. McDonald three times.

Ist wire: The Indians are threatening. What shall I do?"

2nd wire: The Indians are more threatening. What shall I do?

3rd wire: The Indians are about to scalp me? What shall I do?

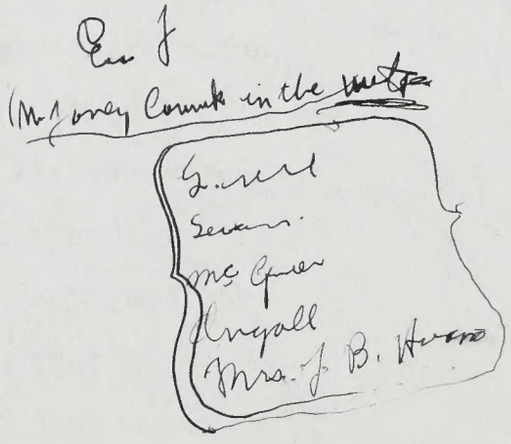
Answer: "Shave your head" wired McDonald.

Mrs. Young

The Blackfeet Indians were a fine lot. The old style half breeds were nature's gentlemen. It's the young ones who aren't any good.

CAMPBELL YOUNG

Was stationed at Ft. Macleod and apprehended a whiskey trader with a barrel of bottles of rum packed in oatmeal. The commander of the post told Young to empty all the bottles. But Young thought this was a waste of an excellent commodity. So he put all the bottles he could into his boot tops, into his pants, and the front of his shirt, and started rolling the rest away in the barrel. " Wait a minute," yelled Capt. French." Bring that barrel here and store it in the room behind my office. We may want it for evidence. " Young says he was very embarrassed, because everythime he took a step the bottles he had in his clothes jingled. However he rolled the barrel in, and though he noticed Capt. French watching him keenly, he thought he had gotten away with it. He was almost out of the room when the Capt. yelled. " Come back here!"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"Young," said Capt. French, " It seems to me you walk with a damn musical sound."

" Yes, sir, " said Young.

" I ought to put you under arrest, said Finch. " But.... under the circumstances.....take the bottles to theboys in the barracks..It'll do 'em good. "

CAMPBELL YOUNG

One day, when the CPR railroad was building near Fort Qu'Appelle, a party of CPR dignitaries and Sir. Hugh Allen were expected to vistx the mounted police Fort. The Commander, Walsh, gave orders that a great "feed" was to be prepared, with everything of the best, to hoxnor the distinguished party.. The men at the post waited, and waited for the party to come.. Meanwhile the fine food was getting cold.. So the men decided they would go ahead. They not only ate the food, but they were " taking off" the members of the party, when Commander Walsh and Hugh Allen and others arrived.. Bob Mckee was in the act of making a speech, taking the part of Sir Hugh. The food was all gone; so Commander Walsh had to take the distinguished guests out to a nearby " eating place" to get food.. Walsh was very angry and immediately placed all the men under arrest and sent them to Regina. When their trial came up, Walsh himself was present, and took the case..

" Men" , he said, " you have committed a very serious offense."

" Yes sir".

" I don't see how I can let you off with less than a year. The men were very uncomfortable..

" However,. I might be able to let you off with six months...."
The men were still uncomfortable..
" I would certainly give you men six months,"
continued Walsh,, " but you did the damn thing so well,,
I'm going to let you off. Get out of here!."

CAMPBELL YOUNG..

There was a woman smuggler in the southern part
pf the Province named the "Widder Haburg)"" She had a
flask,. or bottle fastened to her bustle,. and a tube
leading from it .. She would go along the railroad where
the men were working,. and ask if anyone wanted a drink..
If somebody did (and they always did) she'd get out a tin
cup and let a little whiskey flow from her bottle through
the tube into the cup. Finally she was fined 200$ by
the police.. At her trial a railroader took off his hat and
said: " Boys,. let's cough up for the widder."
Her two hundred was raised in no time..

Once Young was with a party of men who were on their way
to the Klondyke. A ventriloquist was with the party..
This man was always playing jokes.. One night the party was
staying at the house of a half breed named La' Vallee..
The Ven. threw his voice as though it were coming from
the cellar. "I want La'Vallee!. I want la' Vallee!
" W-w-w-who is it?" Asked the trembling La Vallee?
" I'm the devil.. I want la Vallee!."
The whole family immediately threw themselves on the
dellar door,. and stayed there all night holding it down
so the devil couldn't get in."

YOUNG gave the Indians a bad scare one night by tieing a lantern t to the t il of a big kite and sending it up.. The Indians thought it was the devil,, and " a hell of a lot of 'em skipped the country"..

Once Young was trading with an Indian who had brought him a silver fox fur without any hair on it..

" I can't use that,, " said Young..

" Why not," asked the old Indian..

" You bring me a fox without hair!"

" Not my fault,, " said the Indian.. " God did that." You buy."

Maj. General Griesbach --September 29, 1943

1.
"Going ashore" was a term used by the rivermen when they put ashore for food or camp. The term was also taken over by wagon trains which also followed the same general courses as the rivers; along the high ridges, and in the river valleys. " Dog trains also.

2. General Griesbach's father was commander of the Mounted Police. Once they were on the trail of"Takooch" an outlaw Indian chief. They were watching this Indian but couldn't actually pin anything on him. They caught up with the Indian party about noon, and as they passed the Indians a woman fell out and disappeared in the brush.. Griesbach sr. said: " That woman is going into the brush to have a baby." Later in the day when both parties were camped near each other, the Indian woman appeared with her new-born baby, and immediately set about chopping wood, and doing other heavy chores around the camp.. Griesbach reflects on this as a comment on our soft modern civilization..

3.. Griesbach was born at Fort Qu 'Appelle. Father and mother and the McLean family lived in the main house of the Fort. This house was full of beg bugs.. (McLean family were captured by Big Bear during Rebellion) The bed bugs soon discovered they had no active business in the kitchen and moved enmass to the bed room.. McLeans soon worked out a methid of foxing the bugs.. Every few days they would move quickly into the kitchen to sleep, and it would take the bugs a day or so to find them.. Then the McLeans would move back to the bedroom..

Griesbachs soon moved into a teepee, but bugs followed them. Mrs. Griesbach made the General a "swing" (hammock) and this was pretty good, until the bugs found they could climb a tree and leap down upon the swing.

4. General Griesbach remembers being weaned. He says he was weaned on a piece of buffalo meat which his mother had first chewed until soft. Griesbach accounts by this for the hump on the back of his neck.

5. Economic factors dictated the sayings and customs of the early days. Often a man would ash his neighbor:
How is your wife"? and would often add " healthy and fat I hope." meaning that she had been well fed through the winter. or " How did you weather?" The winters were the hard periods to come through. " Healthy and fat" was meant as a good wish or a compliment. But often Easterners being so addressed for the first time took offense.

6. RED River Carts: Were made of Manitoba oak.....an axel and two wheels with a box body. Load was about 800 pounds per ox. No grease was ever used on these carts, for fear of weakening the axels. Griesbach says you could hear a train of Red River carts coming ten miles away. (Campbell Young says twenty miles away).
The carts were built entirely by eye.
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